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1. LUERS VISIT. LUERS, HAVING READ REFTEL, INFORMED JIM GLENN THAT HE WOULD LIKE A VERY FULL SCHEDULE IN SOFIA, INCLUDING, POSSIBLY, A TRIP OUTSIDE THE CITY TO PLOVDIV OR ANOTHER EQUALLY IMPORTANT SITE. HE MAY MEET WITH AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV BEFORE DEPARTURE.

2. YOU ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO SUGGEST WHAT CALLS BILL SHOULD MAKE OUTSIDE THE MFA. WHAT OCCURRED TO ME WERE MEETINGS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (BULGARIAN/EC TRADE, BILATERAL TRADE, U.S. PARTICIPATION IN DOMESTIC PROJECTS, MFN FOR BULGARIA, ETC.); MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BONDS QUESTION, BULGARIAN ECONOMY AND FOREIGN DEBT); MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (VISIT OF NEW AG MINISTER STOICHKOV, JOINT STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE, US PARTICIPATION IN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES); STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS (NSF-SCSTP MOU, PAPAZOV VISIT); AND POSSIBLY WITH SOFIA UNIVERSITY RECTOR SENDOV WHOM BILL DID NOT MEET HERE. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY CONSIDER A TRIP TO PLOVDIV OR TURNOVO OR OTHER IMPORTANT SITE.

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3. GLENN VISIT. GLENN PLANS TO ARRIVE SOFIA SUNDAY EVENING MAY 21 AT 2010 HOURS ON BULGARIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 158 FROM ROME FOR FOUR FULL DAYS OF ORIENTATION. HE WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENTS WITH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS OF MFA DEALING WITH BILATERAL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GOB FUNCTIONARIES, INCLUDING PLAMEN DESPOTOV. CHRISTOPHER

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